



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota fire and emergency officials are committed to ensuring the safety and security of all people in the state; and
- WHEREAS: Fires killed 50 people in Minnesota in 2012, and fire departments across the state responded to 4,863 home fires; and
- WHEREAS: Cooking is the leading cause of fires in Minnesota, accounting for 60 percent of all reported home structure fires. Leaving cooking unattended was a factor in nearly one-third of reported cooking fires; and
- WHEREAS: Education and basic precautions will dramatically reduce the occurrence of kitchen fires and related property damage and personal injury; and
- WHEREAS: To prevent kitchen fires, stovetop cooking should never be left unattended and all flammable materials should be removed from the cooking area. Since most children injured in the kitchen are burned by hot surfaces and spills, children should be kept at least three feet from the stovetop; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota fire service is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of kitchen fires and fire injuries through prevention and protection education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 14, 2013, as:

## KITCHEN FIRE SAFETY DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE